

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-20 and 24-29 were pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claims 6 and 11 canceled in order to more clearly define and fully protect Applicants' invention.

Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 14-20 and 24-29 is therefore requested.

The Office Action acknowledges the patentability of claims 24-29, which is gratefully acknowledged. In addition, Claims 6 and 11 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, which is done herein by incorporation of the limitations of claims 6 and 11 into independent claims 1 and 10 from which they depend, respectively (with claims 6 and 11 canceled as a result). Thus, claims 1 and 10, and all claims depending therefrom should now also be allowable. Claim 1 is also amended herein to correct the spelling of "particles" as noted in the Office Action.

Therefore, all pending claims should now be passed to allowance.

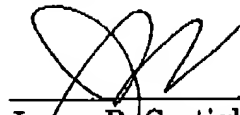
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed the above-captioned application is now in condition for allowance. If there is any matter which prevents the allowance of any of claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 14-20 and 24-29, the

Examiner is requested to call, collect, at 615-242-2400, to arrange for another interview which may further expedite prosecution.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 50-1202.

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